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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: ERIC J. BERGMAN

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FOR: **METHODS OF THINNING A SILICON WAFER USING  
HF AND OZONE**

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